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3/7/89

Dear John,

After we spoke I thought about the next day being Saturday and the local post office not working weekends so instead of delaying shipping the book until what would have been Tuesday night with the weather forecast because there now is only one outgoing mail daily and it is at night, I decided to not insure it and drove to a postal box where I knew there would still be a pickup. So, you should have the book before you get this. Because I could not get to the post office in time I just sent it book rate.

I do not misunderstad, you were asking informally how long it might take me to complete the book with the working title I think I never mentioned, The King Conspiracies. I wish I could give you a meaningful answer with regard to how long I'd need help. It depends on too many factors, ranging from how much enegry I have and my ability to concenrate my thoughts and write decently to the kind of help I might have, how much he or she could do without direction once cued in on the searches, and whether they could do more than that. First I have to clear other things up, going slowly, and then what I've intended for some time and never got to, read the existing ms. I never have, except for hasty corrections of the draft before Lil retyped it. One question is should what I've not written be added to what I did. That would make a long book but I think the personal part that is done, about Jim and me mostly, could be interesting and informative in many ways. My own opinion is that it can be an exceptionally significant book that would have other uses, including in your field. I won't now go into what I regard as significant but I am quite serious. The potential is what is largely responsible for my decision not to draft it off the top of the head, which requires no searching....But I don't concentrate as well and can't take excitement any more. It never bothered me in the past but now it makes me edgy. I've had enough of it in the past and it never phazed me then. I also forget more so in order that I not when we speak again, if you or anyone you know might get interested I think it would be best that we delay specifics until your show is in the can.

Where I say Jim and me above I mean what we did and the hearings we got and the decision.

What is drafted was completed before I filed the FOIA case for additions to it.

And I'm sure that what is written includes what was not used in the hearings before Judge McRae.

If you get anything worthwhile from Potts I'll be surprised and interested.

I hope you found Wayne to be as good a person as I did and that he had the Eggs and Sausage Man records I sent to him via Phil Moss (Morse).

Best to you both

Harold